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1. PROBLEM:

To determine whether it would be advantageous to split USSR-EE Branch of the OSI Scientific Resources Division and to create a USSR Branch and an EE Satellite Branch.

2. ASSUMPTIONS:

It is assumed that a separate OSI division (SRD) is to be retained to produce intelligence on scientific resources in general, and that SRD should be organized on a geographic rather than a functional basis.

3. FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM:

- a. Since March 1953, SRD has contributed to 13 National Intelligence Surveys, six of which concerned Eastern European Satellites and one of which concerned the USSR with a reference to the Satellites. The NIS schedule for SRD in FY 1955 includes one for USSR and none for the Satellites. The FY 1956 schedule for SRD includes NIS's for [REDACTED].
- b. Since July 1953, SRD has contributed to 11 National Intelligence Estimates, two of which pertained to the Eastern European Satellites and two to the USSR with references to the Satellites. Future NIE schedules do not include SRD contributions on the USSR or the Satellites.
- c. Since July 1953, SRD has contributed to nine formal OSI publications, all on the USSR with one also referring to the Satellites, and to 17 current intelligence items including seven on the Satellites and 4 on the USSR.
- d. SRD has conducted eight briefings since January 1954, all on the USSR.
- e. Additional work scheduled by SRD for FY 1955 includes three briefings and five RU projects pertaining to the USSR, and only two RU projects on the Satellites.
- f. From September 1, 1953 to September 1, 1954, SRD submitted 62 requirements to the OSI Requirements Branch. Of these, three related to the EE Satellites and 11 to the USSR.
- g. The present USSR-EE Branch T/O and the proposed T/O's for two branches are included as Tab A. The EE Satellite Branch which is now unofficially in operation, contemplates the use of two Intelligence Officers.

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4. DISCUSSION:

- a. A proposal to split the USSR-EI Branch to create separate USSR and EI Satellite Branches should be evaluated on the basis of function or subject matter, and on the basis of workload.
- b. Justification on the basis of function or subject matter.

SRD personnel indicate that most incoming material relates to specific countries rather than to the Soviet Bloc as a whole and that its intelligence research and production requires long-term specialization in specific countries in order to be of adequate quality. However, 3a and b above indicate that SRD intelligence production frequently covers both the USSR and its Satellites. If all production were on the basis of either the USSR or its Satellites, there would be functional justification for creation of separate branches. However, this justification is considerably weakened when a significant portion of SRD intelligence production concerns the Soviet Bloc as a whole as has been the case.

- c. Justification on the basis of workload.

SRD personnel indicate that the USSR-EI Branch Chief was, because of workload, unable to devote adequate time and attention to review of all intelligence production when the Satellites were included in the USSR-EI Branch. This has undoubtedly been a problem in the past. However, anticipated workload as indicated by 3a and b shows that production on the Satellites will be greatly minimized in the future. Future intelligence production figures are subject to change; however, in their present form, they do not indicate a heavy load relating to the Satellites.

- d. It is not the usual Agency organizational pattern to create branches consisting of as few as two personnel. Creation of such a structure would not be in the interests of optimum utilization of SRD personnel since the establishment of a separate EI Satellite Branch would mean that personnel of that branch would not be normally available for use on the more important USSR work.

5. CONCLUSIONS:

- a. Creation of a separate EI Satellite Branch in Scientific Resources Division is not justified on the basis of function and future work commitments.
- b. Creation of a separate EI Satellite Branch would be inconsistent with principles of sound manpower utilization.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

- a. The USSR-EE Branch be retained in its present form.
- b. Suitable numbers of Branch personnel be assigned to continuing surveillance of the Satellites and to assistance in USSR research and production as workload requires.
- c. If there is a sharp increase in workload pertaining to the Satellites, one of the following courses of action be taken:
 - (1) Assign Branch personnel to full-time work on the Satellites for the duration of the peak load; or
 - (2) If the increased work appears to be long-term or permanent in nature, separate branches under the Division be created with the Branch heads reporting directly to the Division Chief.

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ATTACHMENT:

Tab A - Present USSR-EE Branch T/O
& Proposed T/O's for 2 branches

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